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REMARKS

Claims 9-13 and 19-22 are all of the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 9-13 and 19-22 are allowed. Applicant maintains that all of claims 1-22 are allowable over the cited prior art references. Applicant, however, merely in an effort to speed prosecution and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance, has canceled claims 1-8 and 14-22.

Applicant is not conceding in this application that claims 1-8 and 14-22 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 9-13 and 19-22, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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